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Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Notice for the Public Review of the Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Chesapeake Bay

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## General Comment

1. I do not believe the Chesapeake Bay model being used by the EPA to estimate nutrient and sediment runoff is based on accurate data. The EPA should not proceed with costly mandates until the science and data have been proved.
2. I believe the cost of the Bay TMDL will be excessive for individuals, the agricultural community and municipalities. The EPA must conduct a non-biased economic impact analysis of the cost for all sectors, both public and private before moving forward.
3. Virginia has an excellent plan given the present economic situation and proven data. Virginia should be allowed to implement it without the force of EPA 'backstops' that will be costly and burdensome on all sectors.
4. The agricultural community in this area and those who farm my land near the Nansemond River in particular have implemented many procedures in the previous years to improve water quality. These actions have been taken with voluntary initiative and spending. The list is extensive and reviewed each year in light of new scientific data and discoveries.
5. The currently proposed EPA regulation will create undue expense and uncertainty for individuals, businesses, farmers, and municipalities that will be counter-productive to the desired outcome for all who love the Chesapeake Bay.